

REMARKS

Applicants wish to, again, thank the Examiner for reviewing the present patent application. Support for the amendments to independent claims 1 and 5 may be found, for example, on page 38 of the specification.

I. Rejection Under 35 USC §103

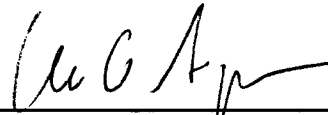
The two component system as presently claimed in this invention, as well as the two preferred boosters as claimed in this invention are not even remotely suggested by the references relied on by the Examiner. Particularly, and again, the references fail to even remotely teach, suggest or disclose the need to separate phytoestrogens from retinoids. The present invention, again, is directed to two separate compositions with one intended to boost the benefit of the other after application. According to the present invention, the two compositions are intended to be applied simultaneously or consecutively, but are kept separately for stability reasons until application. The presently claimed invention as now presented clearly conveys that the specified retinoids and the phytoestrogens, although separated into two compartments, are there for the same benefit. The first composition provides a benefit to the skin while the second composition works to boost or enhance the effect of the first composition. The references teach away from the present invention and fail to provide any suggestion for the particular way the compositions of the present invention are stored separately.

Since, a dual component system having a first component with retinoid and a second component with a retinoid booster and a phytoestrogen is not, even remotely, suggested by the references relied on by the Examiner, it is requested that the presented claims pass to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, Applicants request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection and now allow the claims after entering such amendments in this RCE application.

In the event the Examiner has any questions concerning the present patent application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at his or her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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